

GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

Equipping church leaders in Colombia to proclaim the gospel throughout Latin America

You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse. Ezekiel 2:7a

Dear Friends of GTC,

August 3, 2012

The GTC 2012 Summer Mission team met in Medellin last month to begin transition plans for GTC to operate from Colombia



through the local church, something that GTC has been considering for the last year, especially as the Reformation gains momentum throughout Colombia and Latin America. Dr. Sergio Ruiz and Dr. Julio Benitez, pastors of La Gracia de Dios Church in Medellin, met with GTC Board members and professors to responsibly strategize the ways and means to accomplish this goal. The transition team included fellow GTC Board members, President Bryant Skinner, Dr. Don Galardi and Pastor Harry Stoliker, as well as Pastor Keith Maddy and Dr. Chris Hatton. These Brothers all traveled at their own expense, providing helpful expertise. They were joined by several others who lead Reformed congregations in Colombia and the Dominican Republic, faithful pastors who recognize the value of such a transition.

We are grateful to La Gracia de Dios Church for dutifully leading the way for the GTC mentoring program to exist in many cities in Colombia. If approved by GTC board, the basic plan is to continue the mentoring program as it has been functioning—but utilizing the services of many reformed pastors of Colombia. There are now more than 100 pastors who are qualified to assist.

Besides this, La Gracia de Dios Church will supervise a Theological Academy in Medellin where intense modules of learning will take place, thereby training more men to fulfill the role of pastor-mentor, as the church throughout Colombia strengthens and ministers to the glory of God!

Professors of the Theological Academy of the Dominican Republic and the Reformed Baptist Seminary of Easley, North Carolina, are committed to help with this effort. Twenty men in Colombia who will be sent to Medellin by their churches to attend weekly seminars, participate in the life of the local church in Medellin, and live with families who are members of Gracia de Dios congregation. As part of their ministerial training these 20 men are expected to hold mentoring groups in their home town. How wonderful to see the power of the Holy Spirit move throughout Colombia, bringing Biblical Truth even to the remotest and smallest towns!

Board member, Pastor Harry Stoliker sends this heartening message: *I just want to thank the GTC board members who were at the discussions in Medellin for all their passion for further developing God's Kingdom in Colombia through an academy at La Gracia de Dios Church. Our discussions were enormously encouraging to me! Your seriousness and zeal for training pastors to be men of the Word with a love for the Church brought fresh energy to my soul. I am humbled and delighted to be a part of this team and rejoice to see our Father shower His grace and wisdom all through our deliberations. Thank you all for so many good things! With joy in Christ, H*

We appreciate your prayers and your continued support. We thank God for providing a faithful, healthy church in Medellin to carry on this mission program for Colombia and Latin America.

Grace and Peace,
Mimi Acosta, for GTC

To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Eph. 4:12 ESV

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